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In re Application of

John A. Ragan : Application No. 10/008,294 :

ON PETITION

Filed: December 3, 2001
Attorney Docket No. PC10847A

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed June 3, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)."

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the Office action mailed July 8, 2003. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on October 9, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 25, 2004.

Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay

the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);
- (3) a statement that the **entire** delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and
- (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(d).

The instant petition does not satisfy requirements (1) and (3) above.

Regarding Item (1):

Petitioner states, "The reply/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Continuation Application is enclosed herewith." The application file has been carefully reviewed and the aforementioned Continuation Application cannot be located with the petition nor in the file.

Regarding Item (3):

The statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional," has not been submitted. It is noted that the second page of the instant petition is not found in the application file.

Accordingly, the petition must be dismissed.

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

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